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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 1346

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, MY

SUBJ: LOS: UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE SESSION

REF: STATE 54588

1. DISCUSSION OF RECENT ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN, PARTICULARLY SECURITY ASPECTS AND ASEAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY, PROVIDED GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR AMBASSADOR TO RAISE SUBJECT OF THIRD UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE CONVENING IN NEW YORK MAY 15 (REFTEL).

2. AMBASSADOR SAID UNITED STATES FELT STRONGLY THAT AGREEMENT ON KEY ISSUES MUST BE RESOLVED IN THIRD SUBSTANTIVE SESSION ON LOS, OTHERWISE CHANCE OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS NOW FACING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MIGHT WELL SLIP AWAY. WE MUST CHOOSE NOW BETWEEN LAW OF THE SEA AND ANARCHY OF THE SEA. U.S. FOR ITS PART IS PREPARED  
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TO EXPEND EVERY EFFORT TO SOLVE THE REMAINING OBSTACLES

FOR AN ACCEPTABLE LOS TREATY AND WE HOPE THAT MALAYSIA SHARES OUR VIEW AND WILL BE APPROACHING THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SAME SPIRIT.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT BOTH IN BROAD INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT AND IN ITS DIRECT INTEREST IN REGULARIZING USE OF THE STRAITS OF MALACCA, MALAYSIA IS ANXIOUS TO SEE LOS NEGOTIATIONS REACH SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. GOM DELEGATION TO NEW YORK, THEREFORE, WOULD BE WORKING WHOLE-HEARTEDLY TOWARDS THIS END. HE DID NOT RAISE ANY OF THE SPECIFIC OUTSTANDING MAJOR ISSUES.

4. HIS FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE STRAITS OF MALACCA LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT GOM SEES A WEAKENING INDONESIAN INTEREST IN CLAIMING TERRITORIAL WATERS STATUS FOR STRAITS OF MALACCA IN RETURN FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ARCHIPELAGO SEA CONCEPT. HE WAS VAGUE, HOWEVER, WHETHER GOM WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A MODIFICATION IN THE INDONESIAN POSITION.  
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